



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER- March 8th

Headteacher Update

Dear Parents,

As always, we've had a busy few weeks since coming back after the half term break; particularly this week. As I write this, we have welcomed in the last of our parents for Parents' Evening. You will have been given a mid-year report by your child's class teacher which should give you some information about your child's progress. We hope you find it useful and that the meetings were helpful in hearing the progress your child's made and the areas for them to continue to develop.

Also, as I write this, I'm sitting in my office in a King Arthur costume all in the name of World Book Day. Today we welcomed fairies, witches and wizards from rival Hogwarts' Houses, superheroes and many more! Whilst we enjoy seeing all the costumes, it's important to remember what the day is all about: creating a love of books and reading.

I welcomed Neil O'Brien, the local MP, to school to relay some important issues that have been raised with me by parents and the local residents: traffic on Scotland Road and the school garden lease. The discussion was very positive and we hope to have some workable solutions that will make Scotland Road safer for children before and after school. We also hope the discussion will lead to pushing the Council to arrange for a new lease for the school garden so that we can make it a useable space for our pupils.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Brannigan

Dates for your Diaries



- **Tuesday 12th March** - Year 4 Roman Day - in school
- **Tuesday 19th March** - Heights & Measures (Year 6 & EYFS)
- **Thursday 21st March** - Reception trip to West Lodge Farm
- **Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April** - Easter Break
- **Monday 8th April** - School opens
- **Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th April** – Year 4 PGL Bawdsey Manor
- **Wednesday 13th March** - KS1 St Hugh's Church visit
- **Thursday 14th March** - KS2 St Nicholas' Church visit
- **Tuesday 30th April** – YR 3 New Walk & Mosque Visit
- **Sunday 12th May** - Youth China Test, Level 1 N

Weekly Attendance



Remember: We do not authorise any holidays during term time. Exceptional circumstances can be granted by the Headteacher

This week's attendance is : 94.9 %

Our Target is 97%

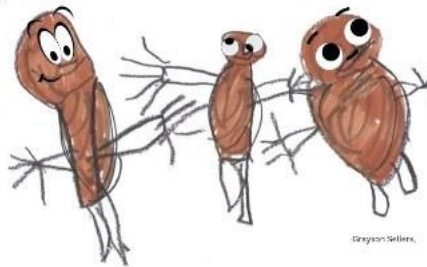
Our star class for this week is 2 JE : 100 % WELL DONE



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FUND-RAISIN CHALLENGE 2024!

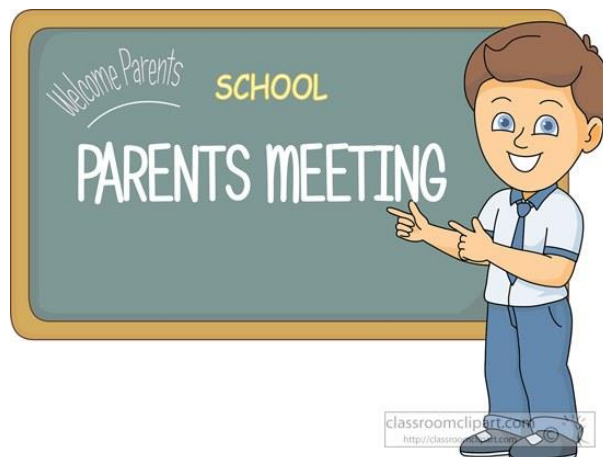


1 - Fund Raisin Challenge 2024

The PTA have organised a second fund Raisin Challenge to take place next week. On Monday 11th March they will be given 1 box of raisins to enjoy and then fill the box with coins (or notes!!) by doing chores or asking family and friends for donations.

Closing date is Friday March 15th

Please could you put the name of the class on the box before returning it, Thank You.



2 - Parents Evening - Thank You

We would like to thank all the Parents and Guardians who managed to make it to Parents Evening this week. Also to the PTA for holding their doughnut & pre-loved clothing sale, which is always well received by parents. A great couple of days and lovely to see the school full of families.



3 - Meeting with Neil O'Brien MP

This week, we were visited by our local MP, Mr Neil O'Brien. We took the opportunity to talk about the traffic issues here on Scotland Road and also about the school garden in the grounds of the park. We will continue to work closely with him and Barry Champion (local councillor) to ensure the issues raised are addressed quickly.



4 - Little Bowden School Wraparound Care update

We had a great response from parents, regarding our wraparound care survey. The results have now been collated and have shown to be very positive. We know, from speaking to parents, that arrangements for next year need to be organised as soon as possible, especially with providers needing plenty of notice. We will now be working with the school governors on the next steps and we will update you as soon as possible.

TRAINING

5 - Staff

There has been staff training over the last couple of weeks which has focused on Dyslexia and ADHD led by our Educational Psychologist. This training will be filtering through to the classroom and will help the children in their day to day activities.

World Book Day



We had the most amazing array of characters turn up to school for World Book Day. Both pupils and staff took the opportunity to dress up as well known characters from a variety of books. It really did get everyone talking about who they were and the books that they had come from. Please see below for more pictures.

Extra pictures from this week's activities



6 - World Book Day 2024



7 - World Book Day 2024



8 - World Book Day 2024



9 - World Book Day 2024





10 - World Book Day 2024



11 - World Book Day 2024



12 - World Book Day 2024



13 - World Book Day 2024



14 - World Book Day 2024

Sports



15 - In the week of 4th Feb to 9th we joined in with the rest of the country celebrating football in schools week where boys and girls from KS2 took time out of class to play football matches.



16 - On the 27th February we had 2 Year 5 & 6 teams competing in a Dodgeball Tournament at RSA.



17 - On 5th March, the Mixed Football teams wrapped up their season at Harborough Town FC with 3 teams competing strongly with other local schools across Market Harborough.



18 - On Wednesday 6th March, we were invited to Stoneygate School to take part in a Cross Country event where some of our Year 5 & 6 runners did brilliantly, including a top 5 finish for one of our Year 6 students! Well done to all that took part! A big thank you to the parents who were able to assist on the day!!





19 - Thursday 7th March at Welland Park Academy, the Year 3 & 4 students were involved in a Dodgeball event of their own and were absolutely brilliant!! . Some superstar dodgeball players in the making!!



20 - One of our Yr 5/6 Dodgeball teams picking up Spirit of the Games Award!



21 - Our Yr 3/4 Dodgeball team also collected Spirit of the Games Award in their event!

Some Dates to look out for...

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby @ Harborough Rugby Club: 14th March

Year 5/6 Girls Football @ Harborough Town: 19th March

A reminder that next week is the last week of sports clubs before the end of term. There will be some changes to the Summer Term with more info to follow.